Aerodrome at Trivandrum.

43. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to provide a landing-place or aerodrome at Trivandrum, for aeroplanes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of providing a landing ground for aeroplanes in Trivandrum is under consideration.

44. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Have the Government pitched upon any particular site for an aerodrome in Trivandrum?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No; final decision has not been arrived at.

Knowledge of motor mechanism required on the part of drivers and conductors of motor vehicles.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent and nature of the knowledge, if any, of motor mechanism, required on the part of drivers and conductors of motor vehicles to entitle them to get the necessary licenses; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of any publication, in Malayalam, containing the necessary information?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (1) Starting the engine with the handle.

(2) Steering.
(3) Engagement of gears (*a*) up, and (*b*) down.
(4) Driving up hills.
(5) Driving down hills.
(6) Starting in the middle of an ascent.
(7) Starting in the middle of a descent.
(8) Turning corners.
(9) Driving backwards.
(10) Turning vehicle in a limited space.
(11) Observance of general and special speed limits.
(12) Knowledge about the working of the engine and chassis.

Conductors are not required to possess any mechanical knowledge.

(*b*) No.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How do the drivers get the requisite knowledge of motor mechanism?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They get trained under some mechanic.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do they get any knowledge from books?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Partly.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have the Government considered the desirability of instituting some test, written as well as practical, for these drivers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a suggestion to open some training class or to recognise some training class conducted by some private agency.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are not the Government aware of Mr. M. V. Ittycheria's book on motor mechanism, High Court Vakil Mr. Ittycheria's book?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not seen that book.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): My question was whether the *Government* were aware of the book?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I speak on behalf of Government.

Strength of a class in Government schools.

45. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state the average strength of a class in—

(*a*) Government primary schools; and

(*b*) Government secondary schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 50·33.

(*b*) 67·79.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the averages are for the girls and the boys' schools together?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What is the separate average for the girls' schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has not been worked out.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the member is in a position to inform me whether, on a rough comparison, the average for the girls' schools is less than the average for the boys' schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The figures are not now available.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What is the sanctioned strength of a class in the departmental primary schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I understand that the maximum allowed is 50.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): My question is not what is allowed, but what the actual strength is?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am sorry I have not got the information before me now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Is it possible for the member to say whether the present average is far higher than the maximum allowed?

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